States as they convene, with a request of them to concur with us in this resolutiou.

Approved June 5th, 1899.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Marsh presented a petition from the citizens of Calvert county, asking for the shortening of the oyster season in the waters of the Patuxent, and asking no obstructions to the free use of the deep water oyster tongs.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Chesapeake Bay and Tributaries.

ORDERS.

On motion of Mr. Peter, it was

Ordered, That Senators Bryan and Kirwan be excused from attendance on to-night's session, and also Senators Dick, Baker, Ravenscroft and Moore.

On motion of Mr. Rohrback, it was

Ordered, That the Secretary be, and he is authorized and directed to procure a suitable and comfortable chair for the use of the President in the Senate.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Peter.

A bill entitled "An Act to extend the privileges, enlarge the powers and amend the charter of the Land and Loan Association of Ellicott City and Howard county, so as to enable it to loan money on or purchase promissory and negotiable notes, bills obligatory or other evidences of debt."

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Putzel.

A bill entitled "An Act to amend section 2, of Article